



Italian: Second Language ATAR course Practical (oral) examination marking key

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Part B: Discussion of stimulus**35% (20 marks)**

Description	Marks
Comprehension	
Comprehends all questions and comments related to the topics with little or no requests for clarification	4
Comprehends most questions and comments related to the topics. Makes few explicit requests for clarification.	3
Comprehends some familiar questions and comments related to the topics. Makes some requests for clarification.	2
Comprehends few familiar questions and comments related to the topics. Requests clarification frequently, relying heavily on marker support.	1
Does not meet any of the above specified performance levels for this criterion.	0
Subtotal	4
Response (relevance and depth of information)	
Engages in a detailed discussion of the stimulus. Provides a wide range of relevant information, ideas and opinions related to the stimulus.	5
Participates in a discussion of the stimulus. Provides a good range of relevant information, ideas and opinions related to the stimulus.	4
Participates in a discussion. Demonstrates some reliance on notes or memorised text in order to provide mostly relevant information, ideas and opinions related to the stimulus.	3
Participates in a fragmented discussion. Relies on notes and memorised text and/or reading from notes. Provides some information, ideas and opinions, not always relevant to the stimulus.	2
Participates in a fragmented discussion. Relies heavily on memorised text and/or reading from notes. Provides limited information and few ideas or opinions, not always relevant to the stimulus.	1
Does not meet any of the above specified performance levels for this criterion.	0
Subtotal	5
Language range (vocabulary and grammar)	
Uses a broad range and variety of relevant and sophisticated vocabulary, expressions, grammar and sentence structure.	4
Uses a good range and variety of relevant vocabulary, expressions, grammar and sentence structure.	3
Uses a satisfactory range of relevant vocabulary, grammar and sentence structure.	2
Uses basic and repetitive vocabulary, grammar and sentence structure.	1
Does not meet any of the above specified performance levels for this criterion.	0
Subtotal	4
Language accuracy (grammar)	
Applies rules of grammar accurately and consistently.	4
Applies rules of grammar mostly accurately and consistently.	3
Applies rules of grammar with some accuracy and consistency.	2
Applies rules of grammar with little accuracy or consistency.	1
Does not meet any of the above specified performance levels for this criterion.	0
Subtotal	4
Speech (fluency and pronunciation)	
Speaks fluently with correct pronunciation.	3
Speaks with some hesitation and mostly correct pronunciation.	2
Speaks with frequent hesitation and frequent inaccurate pronunciation.	1
Does not meet any of the above specified performance levels for this criterion.	0
Subtotal	3
Total	20

Part C: Conversation
65% (21 marks)

Description	Marks
Comprehension	
Comprehends all questions and comments related to the topics with little or no requests for clarification.	4
Comprehends most questions and comments related to the topics. Makes few requests for clarification.	3
Comprehends some familiar questions and comments related to the topics. Makes some requests for clarification.	2
Comprehends few familiar questions and comments related to the topics. Requests clarification frequently, relying heavily on marker support.	1
Does not meet any of the above specified performance levels for this criterion.	0
Subtotal	4
Response (relevance and depth of information)	
Engages in a detailed and comprehensive conversation about the topics. Provides a wide range of relevant information, ideas and opinions.	6
Engages in a detailed conversation about the topics. Provides a good range of relevant information, ideas and opinions.	5
Participates in a detailed conversation about the topics. Demonstrates some reliance on memorised text as part of the conversation. Provides a satisfactory range of relevant information, ideas and opinions.	4
Participates in a conversation. Frequently relies on memorised text in order to provide some relevant information, ideas and opinions.	3
Participates in a fragmented conversation. Relies on memorised text in order to provide some information, ideas and opinions.	2
Participates in a fragmented conversation. Relies heavily on memorised text and/or provides limited information and few ideas or opinions.	1
Does not meet any of the above specified performance levels for this criterion.	0
Subtotal	6
Language range (vocabulary and grammar)	
Uses a broad range and variety of relevant and sophisticated vocabulary, expressions, grammar and sentence structure.	4
Uses a good range and variety of relevant vocabulary, expressions, grammar and sentence structure.	3
Uses a satisfactory range of relevant vocabulary, grammar and sentence structure.	2
Uses basic and repetitive vocabulary, grammar and sentence structure.	1
Does not meet any of the above specified performance levels for this criterion.	0
Subtotal	4
Language accuracy (grammar)	
Applies rules of grammar accurately and consistently.	4
Applies rules of grammar mostly accurately and consistently.	3
Applies rules of grammar with some accuracy and consistency.	2
Applies rules of grammar with little accuracy or consistency.	1
Does not meet any of the above specified performance levels for this criterion.	0
Subtotal	4
Speech (fluency and pronunciation)	
Speaks fluently with correct pronunciation.	3
Speaks with some hesitation and mostly correct pronunciation.	2
Speaks with frequent hesitation and frequent inaccurate pronunciation.	1
Does not meet any of the above specified performance levels for this criterion.	0
Subtotal	3
Total	21